

Response dated 8/31/2005
Response to Office Action mailed 08/26/2005

Application No. 10/611,458

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, claims 1-32 were deemed subject to a restriction. More specifically, restriction is required for Group I (claims 1-5, 12-22, and 32) and Group II (Claims 6-11 and 23-31).

By this Response, the Applicant provisionally elects Group II without traverse. Claims 16-22 have been withdrawn.

The Applicant's election is without prejudice or admission with respect to the Applicant's right to re-file the withdrawn claims in a continuing application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Date: August 31, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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